

DRUG SAFETY NOTICE

DRUG NAME/STRENGTH/FORM:

LEVOMEPRMOAZINE 25mg in 1ml Injection

PROBLEM

- There is currently a supply issue with levomepromazine 25mg in 1ml injection, SWB pharmacy department have minimal stocks and stock is not expected to be available until the first week of March.
- Levomepromazine is prescribed to prevent nausea and vomiting in palliative patients.

ADVICE / ALTERNATIVE

- On discharge Pharmacy will reduce the supply of levomepromazine injection to 3 vials.
- Once levomepromazine supplies have been exhausted the following alternatives have been recommended by the Trust Palliative Care Team:
 - Haloperidol 0.5 to 1mg subcutaneously TDS (maximum of 3mg in 24hours)
 - Cyclizine 25mg subcutaneously TDS (maximum 75mg in 24hours)

Please refer to the BNF for full prescribing information for haloperidol and cyclizine.

ACTIONS

- All clinicians to be aware of the information in this alert and prescribe alternative options accordingly.
- For further advice or support contact the Connected Palliative Care Hub on ext 3611.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT WARD PHARMACIST OR TECHNICIAN
PHARMACY DEPARTMENT: CITY x5263; SANDWELL x3783**

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